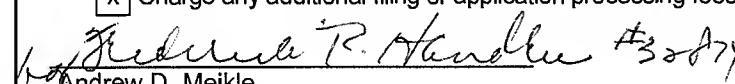
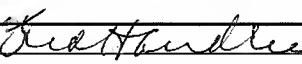


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Application No. 10/591,171-Conf. #6043		Filing Date August 30, 2006		Examiner S. A. Waldbaum	
Applicant(s): Hideo HASHIMOTO					
Invention: WASHING METHOD					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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